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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takahiro NISHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2613

Serial No.: 09/118,991

Examiner: Tung T. Vo

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING

APPARATUS AND DATA RECORDING MEDIUM

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-26, 29 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

> PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS **AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT** OR CREDIT FEES TO DEP. ACCT. 16-0331 PARKHURST & WENDEL